

to being honored by Press Clubs, the Radio Television News Directors Association, and the Associated Press. He has also been honored by several community groups including Consumer Action, Consumer Watchdog, and the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

Michael is known by his colleagues as a reporter who upholds the highest journalistic ethics. We thank Michael for his dedication to helping Bay Area community members and wish him many more years of excellent reporting and helping consumers. Please join me in honoring Michael for his many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING TAMPA'S HEALTH CARE HERO, DR. KEVIN SNEED, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I am celebrating Tampa's health care heroes. I rise today in admiration and respect for the service and leadership of Dr. Kevin Sneed, a tenured professor and the founding dean of the University of South Florida (USF) College of Pharmacy. Born in 1968, he was raised in Orlando, FL. His parents were both public school teachers and were part of the initial wave of educators to desegregate Orange County public schools. As a student at Edgewater High School, he was a shining star—senior class vice president, a member of the National Honor Society and a football and track athlete.

He attended the University of Central Florida to earn his bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in microbiology. While it was apparent that he was drawn to the sciences, it was a significant illness while in college that furthered his appreciation for health care and inspired him to enter this field. Dr. Sneed then received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, where he received numerous clinical and leadership awards. He returned to Florida to complete an Ambulatory Care/Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Specialty Residency at Bay Pines Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Prior to joining USF, Dr. Sneed was a faculty member at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy. He joined USF Health as assistant dean and then founded its College of Pharmacy, which this year will celebrate its 10-year anniversary since welcoming its first charter class. In 2019, the College of Pharmacy received a \$10 million donation from the Taneja Family Foundation, marking a transformational milestone for the young school and validating the innovative education experience that centers around the Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist, which trains pharmacists and physicians together. USF is a pioneer of this in Florida.

One of Dr. Sneed's research and clinical interests is examining health care disparities. He regularly partners with organizations, such as the American Heart Association and REACHUP, Inc., to shine a light on these disparities and improve health outcomes, and his

efforts were more critical than ever this past year during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, Dr. Sneed has been dedicated to educating African American and Latino communities on how to understand the coronavirus and prepare for the vaccine, while working with the medical research community to help ensure equitable distribution among communities of color. Black and Hispanic populations that contract COVID-19 have a higher death rate by 2.8 times their white counterparts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The same dataset also demonstrates even higher hospitalization rates for Black and Hispanic populations. Dr. Sneed's efforts surely will save lives.

Dr. Sneed is active in national and state organizations, among which include the American Heart Association, Association of Black Cardiologists, National Pharmaceutical Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Florida Pharmacy Association, Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. His work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, abstracts, poster presentations, and he has participated in multiple federal and industry sponsored grant projects. Notably, Dr. Sneed served as a site principal investigator and co-investigator on medication clinical trials.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation in the midst of a public health crisis and the Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize the service and leadership of Dr. Kevin Sneed, and his audacious, inspiring vision to transform health care in a way that empowers the clinician, but more importantly, the patient.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTOPHER JOHN KURBEL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher John Kurbel of Dearborn on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

The son of immigrants from Austria and Germany, Mr. Kurbel was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan as the youngest of four children. He met his wife, wife Evelyn Mae Stirbny when the family moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Mr. Kurbel joined the United States Army in 1942 during World War II. He was a member of the 34th Infantry Division, serving as 3rd Platoon squad leader; 135th Regiment; Company; Private First Class. He was first stationed in Africa and later shipped to Italy, and other parts of Europe. His last battle was the victory of the complete surrender of the German 34th Division on May 1, 1945. He was awarded two bronze medals and a Good Conduct Award for his service to our nation which ended in 1945.

After his duties ended, he returned to Michigan, working various jobs before ending up at McLean Trucking, where he remained for thirty years until his retirement. Before her passing in 2017, Mr. and Mrs. Kurbel were married for

nearly seventy years and together they have seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Christopher John Kurbel on his 100th Birthday. He has honorably served this country through his exemplary military service during World War II. I join with Mr. Kurbel's family and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

BRADEN PFITZER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Braden Pfitzer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Braden Pfitzer is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Braden Pfitzer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Braden Pfitzer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING DEONTA SELVY, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious man Mr. Deonta Selvy, Sr. Selvy has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to make a difference in his community.

Vicksburg native Deonta Selvy, Sr. has been a pillar of the Vicksburg community over the years as both a successful businessman and local volunteer. Selvy began D & T Mobile Express Services in 2009 just two years after graduating from North Carolina Central University.

Apart from being a great businessman, Selvy is known for his love of sports and teaching kids the fundamentals of the games. Selvy has been a volunteer football and basketball coach for the last 15 years and has mentored hundreds of kids through the years. Most recently, he and his wife, Takita Selvy, started F.R.E.E (Fitness, Recreation, Education, Encouragement), a nonprofit agency aimed at helping kids in the community.

Selvy has proven his dedication to serving the community and now he continues to take steps further to help individuals, and the city of Vicksburg will always be in debt to him for his great services.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Deonta Selvy for his